

Local History Collection
 South Pasadena Public Library
 South Pasadena, California

Dorothy Cohen Archive

Name: **Dorothy Cohen** **MC0002**

Materials: Awards, Certificates, Manuscript, Photographs, Proclamations

Dates: 1971-2017

Volume: 1.374 cubic feet (2 oversized boxes)

Donation: Family of Dorothy Cohen, 2018.

Usage: Unless otherwise stated by SPPL staff, these records are open for research without restrictions.

Biographical Note

Dorothy Mahoney Cohen (1925-2018), former mayor and 55-year-resident of South Pasadena, was an adamant supporter of the South Pasadena Public Library. Her Library advocacy efforts included serving as President of the Library Board of Trustees, serving as President of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, co-founding of the Friend's Bookstore which, from 1982 to 2019, brought in over one million dollars. In addition to her tireless work for SPPL, Cohen also served a nine-year tenure on the South Pasadena City Council, was President of the League of Women Voters, and was a member of the South Pasadena Beautiful Board of Directors, the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, and the Women's Club of South Pasadena.

Cohen was the recipient of several awards and certificates of recognition. Some of these include the prestigious President's Award from the California Library Association, an award as Outstanding Volunteer from the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners, the 29th Congressional District Woman of the Year award, the Los Angeles County Commendation for Dedicated Service, and the Awesome Ostrich Award as adviser to the founding board of the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

Cohen and her late husband, Jerry, had three children. A son, William, who passed away in 1993, and two daughters, Jamey and Cassy. Cohen is survived by Jamey and sons, Liam and Gavin Allman, and Cassy and son, Jake Muronaka.

Collection Description

The Dorothy Cohen Archive is comprised of awards and certificates issued to Cohen on behalf of the City of South Pasadena, the South Pasadena Friends of the Library, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the California State Senate, County of Los Angeles, California State Assembly, and the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Also contained in the collection are photographs of Cohen and her accomplishments, City of South Pasadena Proclamations signed by Cohen, and an undated congratulatory poem given to Cohen upon her election to City Council.

Series and Subseries

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| I. Awards | 2 boxes |
| Awards issued to Dorothy Cohen. Dated from 1992 to 2009. | |
| II. Certificates | 1 box |
| Certificates issued to Dorothy Cohen. Dated from 1971 to 2012. | |
| III. Manuscript | 1 box |
| A personalized, typed poem from Tom and Jane to Dorothy Cohen in celebration of her election to City Council and a Volunteer Recognition Day pamphlet. Dated 2018. | |
| IV. Photographs | 1 box |
| Photographs of Dorothy Cohen. Dated from 1994 to 2009. | |
| V. Proclamations | 1 box |
| Proclamations both signed by and issued to Dorothy Cohen. All proclamations are relevant to South Pasadena. Dated from 2000-2017. | |

**Container List
MC0002**

I. Awards, [1992-2009]

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0002 01	Library Plaque	1992
MC0002 02	Mayoral Plaque	1996-1997
MC0002 01	Mayoral Plaque	2000-2001
MC0002 01	CALTAC Plaque	2009
MC0002 01	CLA President's Award	2009

II. Certificates, [1971-2012]

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0002 02	Public Schools Week	1971
MC0002 02	Library Board of Trustees	1985
MC0002 02	Certificate of Election	1994
MC0002 02	Certificate of Recognition	1994-2003
MC0002 02	Community Involvement	1997
MC0002 02	Chamber of Commerce	1998
MC0002 02	710 Opposition Coalition	2000
MC0002 02	Volunteer Recognition	2002
MC0002 02	Oaklawn Bridge Ad Hoc Committee	2003
MC0002 02	California State Senate	2003
MC0002 02	Older Americans Recognition Day	2003
MC0002 02	Community Redevelopment Commission	2008-2012
MC0002 02	Awesome Ostrich Award	n.d.

III. Manuscript, [2018]

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0002 02	Volunteer Recognition Day Pamphlet	2018
MC0002 02	Poem from Tom and Jane	n.d.

IV. Photographs, [1994-2009]

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0002 02	Filing for City Council Candidacy	1994
MC0002 02	Accepting 710 Opposition Award	2000
MC0002 02	Dorothy Cohen	2009
MC0002 02	Dorothy Cohen	n.d.
MC0002 02	710 Opposition Coalition	n.d.

V. Proclamations, [2000-2017]

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0002 02	Chamber of Commerce	2000

MC0002 02	Friends Bookstore 20 th Anniversary	2002
MC0002 02	City Council	2003
MC0002 02	Library Volunteer Recognition Day	2017

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